

a decision step of, in a case of assigning at least a part of a print job which is assumed to be printed by the printing apparatus to another printing apparatus in accordance with the status recognized in said

- 5 recognition step, deciding the other printing apparatus in accordance with a paper ejection type of the other printing apparatus.

21. The control method according to claim 20, wherein
10 the print job comprises a distributed job.

22. The control method according to claim 21 further comprising an acknowledging step of acknowledging a paper ejection type of the other printing apparatus,

- 15 wherein, in said decision step, the other printing apparatus is decided on the basis of an acknowledgement by said acknowledging step of the paper ejection type of the other printing apparatus.

20 23. The control method according to claim 21 further comprising a reassignment step of assigning at least a part of the distributed job to another printing apparatus,

- 25 wherein, in said reassignment step, at least the part of the distributed job is assigned to the other printing apparatus decided in said decision step.

24. The control method according to claim 22, wherein,
in said acknowledging step, the paper ejection type of
the other printing apparatus is acknowledged on the
basis of information indicative of a paper ejection type
5 obtained via a predetermined communication line.

25. The control method according to claim 22, wherein,
in said acknowledging step, information indicative of
the paper ejection type of the other printing apparatus
10 is obtained from a printer driver which generates print
data interpretable by a printing apparatus.

26. The control method according to claim 21, wherein
the paper ejection type represents a direction of
15 surface of ejected paper, and the direction is face-up
or face-down.

27. The control method according to claim 21, wherein
the paper ejection type is an output order of pages, and
20 the output order is ascending or descending.

28. The control method according to claim 21, wherein,
in said decision step, it is decided to assign at least
a part of the distributed job to a predetermined
25 printing apparatus in a case of assigning at least the
part of the distributed job supposed to be printed by

the printing apparatus in accordance with the status recognized in said recognition step.

29. The control method according to claim 28, wherein
5 the predetermined printing apparatus is a printing apparatus to which no distributed job has been assigned.

30. The control method according to claim 28 further comprising a designation step of designating to printout
10 at least the part of the distributed job to a predetermined bin of the predetermined printing apparatus decided in said decision step.

31. The control method according to claim 21 further
15 comprising a determination step of, in a case of assigning at least the part of the distributed job supposed to be printed by the printing apparatus to another printing apparatus in accordance with the status recognized in said recognition step, determining whether
20 the other printing apparatus which prints pages preceding to the distributed job assigned to the printing apparatus produces a face-down output,

wherein if an affirmative decision is rendered in said determination step, then in said decision step, at
25 least the part of the distributed job supposed to be printed by the printing apparatus is assigned to the